



Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group
Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2008

Summary

Epidemiology Work Group Members in Attendance (9):

Jeanne Blackburn, proxy for Phillip Stevenson (Arizona Criminal Justice Commission)
Wendy Wolfersteig (Arizona State University)
Amy Stuart (Administrative Office of the Courts)
Paul Sovietek, proxy for Steve Gendler (Department of Public Safety)
Gordon South, proxy for Richard Porter (Arizona Department of Health Services)
Meena Shahi (Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board, First Things First)
Michelle Anderson (Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections)
Jody Sekerak (Indian Health Services)
Michael Dolny (Arizona Department of Corrections)

Epidemiology Work Group Members Absent (8)

Dennis Embry (PAXIS Institute)
Catherine Osborn (Arizona Department of Education)
James Cunningham (University of Arizona)
Gowri Shetty (Arizona Department of Health Services)
Zeenat Mahal (Inter Tribal Council of Arizona)
David Choate, proxy for Charles Katz (Arizona State University)
Wesley Kortuem (Arizona Department of Health Services)
Katherine Guffey (Arizona Department of Economic Security)

Governor's Office Staff (1)

Jeanne Blackburn (GOCYF, DSAP)

Public (1):

Ric Wood (Pima Prevention Partnership)



Call to Order was made by Jeanne Blackburn at 1:00 p.m. after noting that a quorum was present.

Welcome and Introductions

- Jeanne Blackburn asked the attendees and guests present to introduce themselves and their respective agency/group.

Announcements

- No group members had any announcements.

Update on ASAP

- Jeanne Blackburn updated the group on the November 13, 2008 ASAP meeting.
 - The four strategic focus areas for 2009 have been identified. They are:
 - *Underage Drinking*;
 - *Prescription Drug Abuse*;
 - *Drug-Endangered Children*;
 - and *Media Campaigns*
 - Previously-scheduled events necessitated Phillip Stevenson's absence from the ASAP meeting. In his absence, Jeanne Blackburn presented on prescription drug abuse data from the Arizona Youth Survey.

2008 Snapshot of Arizona: Epi Deliverable

- Jeanne Blackburn provided a draft of the *2008 Snapshot of Arizona* to the group members for their review and asked that they provide comments on both the narrative and the data included in the report.
 - Members were asked to provide suggested revisions within one week to move the project forward as quickly as possible.

Cost-Benefit Analysis of Treatment vs. Incarceration: Next Group Project?

- Jeanne Blackburn informed the group members that Emily Jenkins, President and CEO of the Arizona Council of Human Service Providers, is interested in conducting a cost-benefit analysis of substance abuse treatment vs. incarceration.
 - Jeanne asked the group members to think about the possibility of contributing data to this cost-benefit analysis and indicated that Ms. Jenkins would attend the next meeting of the Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group in order to give them further information.

Call to Public

- There was a member of the public present. However, there were no comments from the guest in attendance.

Adjourn at 2:00 p.m. with a reminder on the agenda that the next meeting will be held on December 17, 2008.

Minutes submitted by Jeanne Blackburn (GOCYF, DSAP).